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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the slight decline in United States general imports from $1,160.3 million in September[1] to $1,157.2 million in October[1] reflected changes in area import totals as follows: Latin American Republics, from $280.6 to $278.5 million; Western Europe, from $316.6 to $333.1 million; Canada, from $238.0 to $240.7 million; and "all other countries," from $325.1 to $304.9 million.

The Bureau also pointed out that imports from sterling area countries fell from $194.6 to $180.3 million while those from O.E.E.C. countries rose from $310.0 to $326.2 million. Decreases were reported in imports from all continents except Europe and South America.

Imports from North America fell from $347.4 million in September to $334.1 million in October as a sizable drop in imports from Mexico, from $44.0 to $27.8 million, was only partially offset by increases in imports from Guatemala, from $2.4 to $5.9 million and the Dominican Republic, from $7.1 to $10.5 million. Imports from Africa fell from $43.9 to $36.5 million reflecting small, scattered decreases in imports from many of the individual countries of this continent. The more noticeable of these was a drop in imports from the Republic of the Congo, from $9.3 to $5.7 million. A decrease in imports from India, from $20.6 to $17.6 million accounted for most of the decline in imports from Asia from $216.2 to $210.6 million. The decrease in imports from Australia and Oceania from $21.7 to $16.6 million largely reflected a drop in imports from New Zealand, from $11.3 to $7.8 million.

During the period, imports from Europe rose from $323.0 to $340.4 million primarily as a result of higher levels of imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: Italy, from $28.6 to $35.9 million; France, from $22.8 to $28.6 million; and West Germany, from $71.3 to $75.1 million. The rise in imports from South America from $208.1 to $219.0 million was due to increases in imports from Colombia, from $23.5 to $36.2 million and Chile, from $15.7 to $19.8 million being partly offset by a decrease in imports from Brazil, from $54.4 to $48.9 million.

[1]On a seasonally-adjusted basis total general imports were $1,177.5 million for September and $1,196.2 million for October (See Report No. FT900-I). Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in an number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consilidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than $50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the "Explanation of the Sampling Procedure for Estimating Low Valued Imports" in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country[1]	October 1960	September 1960	October 1959	Monthly average 1959
Total trade	1,157.2	1,160.3	1,202.0	1,267.7
Western Europe	333.1	316.6	361.7	376.9
Canada	240.7	238.0	281.3	253.4
Latin American Republics	278.5	280.6	235.3	301.2
All other countries[2]	304.9	325.1	323.7	336.1
O.E.E.C. countries	326.2	310.0	347.8	363.3
Sterling area countries	180.3	194.6	213.4	223.8
North America	334.1	347.4	367.8	386.3
Greenland	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	240.7	238.0	281.3	253.4
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Mexico [a]	27.8	44.0	24.6	36.4
Guatemala [a]	5.9	2.4	5.1	5.4
British Honduras [b]	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
El Salvador [a]	1.4	1.1	1.3	3.1
Honduras [a]	1.6	3.8	1.1	2.1
Nicaragua [a]	2.3	1.1	0.7	1.3
Costa Rica [a]	3.6	3.0	1.5	2.7
Republic of Panama [a]	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.1
Canal Zone	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Bermuda [b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bahamas [b]	0.9	0.3	1.2	1.0
Cuba [a]	7.6	7.9	20.1	39.5
Jamaica [b]	5.9	8.3	3.8	3.9
Haiti [a]	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.4
Dominican Republic [a]	10.5	7.1	2.7	6.3
Leeward and Windward Islands [b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Barbados [b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago [b]	6.1	5.9	2.2	3.7
Netherlands Antilles	16.5	19.0	17.5	23.3
French West Indies	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
South America	219.0	208.1	176.0	203.8
Colombia [a]	36.2	23.5	25.0	28.3
Venezuela [a]	76.7	78.2	62.5	74.2
British Guiana [b]	1.3	0.5	0.1	0.4
Surinam	2.6	2.0	1.6	2.3
French Guiana	...	(*)	...	0.1
Ecuador [a]	6.3	7.0	7.2	5.0
Peru [a]	16.7	16.0	10.6	9.9
Bolivia [a]	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.6
Chile [a]	19.8	15.7	16.1	17.7
Brazil [a]	48.9	54.4	42.1	52.4
Paraguay [a]	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.7
Uruguay [a]	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.5
Argentina [a]	6.9	7.6	8.8	10.5
Falkland Islands [b]	...	...	...	...
Europe	340.4	323.0	368.4	384.0
Iceland [b,c,d]	1.4	1.6	0.6	1.0
Sweden [c,d]	14.3	12.6	15.5	15.4
Norway [c,d]	5.1	4.0	6.1	8.3
Denmark [c,d]	8.1	6.5	8.0	8.7

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	October 1960	September 1960	October 1959	Monthly average 1959
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,d]	72.8	73.8	94.0	94.8
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d]	1.9	3.1	1.3	2.2
Netherlands[c,d]	18.3	24.0	16.2	18.1
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d]	27.2	29.8	30.2	34.7
France[c,d]	28.6	22.8	36.2	38.5
West Germany[c,d]	75.1	71.3	75.6	76.5
East Germany	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Austria[c,d]	5.0	3.6	4.5	4.7
Czechoslovakia	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.0
Hungary	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Switzerland[c,d]	18.9	16.7	17.7	16.3
Finland[c]	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.1
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	...
Poland and Danzig	3.7	3.4	1.9	2.7
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1.8	1.3	2.5	2.4
Azores	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain[c,d]	7.5	6.6	6.9	6.5
Portugal[c,d]	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.2
Gibraltar[b]	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus[b]	0.2	(*)	(*)	0.2
Italy[c,d]	35.9	28.6	35.2	32.3
Free Territory of Trieste[c,d]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Yugoslavia[c]	2.7	2.7	2.6	3.1
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece[c,d]	1.4	1.2	1.2	2.8
Rumania	(*)	(*)	0.4	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Turkey[c,d]	2.1	1.3	3.9	6.9
Asia	210.6	216.2	230.7	216.3
United Arab Republic (Syria Region)	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.8
Lebanon	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	2.7	4.0	4.2	2.9
Iran (Persia)	3.2	3.6	3.7	4.2
Israel	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.3
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan[b]	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Kuwait[b]	10.3	8.0	13.5	13.2
Saudi Arabia	6.5	5.0	2.7	4.2
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	0.7	(*)	0.1	0.2
Aden[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan	1.2	0.3	1.4	1.4
India[b]	17.6	20.6	16.7	17.3
Pakistan[b]	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.9
Nepal	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Ceylon[b]	3.2	3.5	3.0	2.9
Burma[b]	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.2
Thailand (Siam)	3.5	3.7	7.7	7.5
Viet-Nam	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.9
Laos	...	...	(*)	(*)
Cambodia	0.5	0.4	1.2	1.1
Federation of Malaya[b]	10.4	12.4	15.9	13.3
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo[b]	1.1	1.2	3.0	2.4
Republic of Indonesia	15.7	17.3	15.3	15.9
Republic of the Philippines	19.9	19.5	25.5	26.0
Macao (Macau)	0.1	(*)	0.1	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	0.2	(*)	...	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	(*)	0.4	0.4	0.6

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Continent and country[1]	October 1960	September 1960	October 1959	Monthly average 1959
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3
Hong Kong[b]	9.9	11.6	11.3	8.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.2
Japan	95.3	96.7	95.9	85.7
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1
Australia and Oceania	16.6	21.7	24.1	28.1
Australia[b]	8.6	9.7	15.1	16.4
New Guinea[b]	(*)	0.1	0.1	(*)
New Zealand[b]	7.8	11.3	8.8	11.3
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	0.2	0.2	(*)	0.1
French Pacific Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	(*)	0.4	(*)	0.2
Africa	36.5	43.9	35.0	49.2
Morocco	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.9
Algeria	(*)	0.2	0.1	0.1
Tunisia	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2
Libya[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region)	0.7	1.5	0.1	1.4
Sudan	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5
Canary Islands	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.	...	...	...	(*)
Cameroun	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.8
Western Equatorial Africa[3]	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Western Africa, n.e.c.[4]	2.7	2.4	0.6	2.1
Ghana[b]	2.5	3.2	2.2	5.3
Nigeria[b]	2.6	2.4	1.6	2.7
British West Africa, n.e.c.[b]	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Madeira Islands	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
Angola	1.7	1.4	1.8	2.6
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Liberia	3.6	3.8	4.9	3.5
Republic of the Congo; and Ruanda Urundi[5]	5.7	9.3	7.8	8.9
Somali Republic[6]	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	0.8	2.1	0.6	1.3
French Somaliland	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	...	...	...	(*)
British East Africa[b]	3.9	3.9	1.9	3.4
Mozambique	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Malagasy Republic[7]	0.9	0.3	0.4	1.0
Union of South Africa[b]	8.2	9.1	8.9	9.9
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	0.7	1.3	1.5	3.1

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics.

[2]Figures shown include imports from the dependencies of Western Europe for which a separate over all total was presented in previous issues. Separate data for the individual dependencies are presented in this table. [3]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly French Equatorial Africa. [4]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly French West Africa and Republic of Togo. [5]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly Belgian Congo. [6]Country designation established effective July 1960. Includes areas formerly known as "Somaliland" and "British Somaliland." The data shown for periods prior to July 1960 reflect combined totals on United States export trade with Somaliland and British Somaliland. [7]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly Madagascar.